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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT/LASPAU FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

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FOR: BINATIONAL COMMISSIONS AND CAO

1. THE FULBRIGHT/LASPAU FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WILL BE OFFERED IN FY-77 ON A REGIONALLY FUNDED BASIS. A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM MAY BE FOUND IN REFTEL. COMMISSIONS AND POSTS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ASAP AND NLT JANUARY 9, 1976.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE SELECTION OF NEW STUDENTS:
JANUARY 12: BY THIS DATE LASPAU EXPECTS TO SEND ADDRESSEES
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A LIST OF THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH THEY PLAN TO INVITE TO

NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR THE REGULAR LASPAU PROGRAM. LASPAU WILL ALSO SEND THE LATEST FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PLANS THAT THEY HAVE.

3. FEBRUARY 10: PARTICIPATING POSTS AND COMMISSIONS SHOULD REVIEW THE LIST AND CABLE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES AND ADDITIONS REFLECTING THEIR OWN WISHES TO

THE DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO LASPAU. THESE COMMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF POST/COMMISSION PRIORITIES ON FIELDS AND INSTITUTIONS AND SUGGESTED PLAN FOR COOPERATION.

4. FEBRUARY 15: THE DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE THE FIELD AND LASPAU OF ITS ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABLE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS OVER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

5. FEBRUARY 20: LASPAU PROVIDES THE DEPARTMENT WITH ITS RESPONSE TO THE FIELD'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS MADE FEBRUARY 10. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CABLE THIS INFORMATION TO THE FIELD.

6. MARCH 1: FINAL FIELD COMMENTS IF ANY DUE IN THE DEPARTMENT. BY THIS TIME THE GENERAL PARAMETERS OF THE FULBRIGHT/LASPAU PROGRAM IN EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY SHOULD BE CLEAR -- THAT IS, THERE SHOULD BE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTITUTIONS, FIELDS, AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO BE SOUGHT.

7. MARCH 10: LASPAU SENDS ITS INVITATION TO LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES MAKING APPROPRIATE MENTION OF THE FULBRIGHT/LASPAU JOINT AWARD POSSIBILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED WITH EACH

POST/COMMISSION. THIS LETTER WILL ALSO SAY THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOINT GRANTS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COMMISSIONS OR POSTS NLT APRIL 15. COPIES OF THESE LASPAU LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO THE POSTS/COMMISSIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT. POSTS/COMMISSIONS SHOULD SEND LETTERS CONFIRMING THE FULBRIGHT/LASPAU AWARD POSSIBILITIES TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTITUTIONS SELECTED FOR THE JOINT PROGRAM.

8. APRIL: LASPAU ASSISTANT DIRECTORS WILL VISIT LATIN AMERICA AND WILL SPEND SOME TIME WITH EACH POST/COMMISSION PARTICIPATING IN THE JOINT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THESE VISITS IS TO WORK OUT FINAL DETAILS AND REACH CLEAR WRITTEN UNDERSTANDINGS DESCRIBING THE JOINT PROGRAM AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY IN EACH PARTICIPATING

COUNTRY. A COPY OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY THE POST FOR REVIEW. THESE MEMOS SHOULD INCLUDE TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS ON THE TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE INTERVIEWING OF THE JOINT PROGRAM CANDIDATES IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

9. APRIL 30: POSTS/COMMISSIONS FORWARD APPROVED JOINT PROGRAM NOMINATIONS WITH SUPPORTING COMMENTS TO LASPAU WITH A STATEMENT OF VISA ELIGIBILITY.

10. MAY 20 TO JUNE 20: LASPAU WILL ADMINISTER ITS STANDARDIZED VERBAL AND QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE EXAMINATION TO EACH NOMINEE. IT WILL ALSO PICK UP COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM EACH UNIVERSITY (COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE LEFT WITH EACH POST/COMMISSION FOR THEIR INFORMATION) AND FROM THE COMMISSIONS AND POSTS IN THE CASE OF THE JOINT PROGRAM.

11. JULY 15-25: LASPAU WILL REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS, EACH CANDIDATE'S CREDENTIALS, THE POST/COMMISSION COMMENTS, AND "FIT" WITH UNIVERSITY AND POST/COMMISSION PRIORITIES. THE RESULT OF THIS PROCESS WILL BE A LIST OF FINALISTS AND LASPAU WILL REPORT THE NAMES OF THOSE FUL-

BRIGHT/LASPAU (FINALISTS SO SELECTED) TO THE DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL IN TURN ADVISE THE FIELD BY WIRE. POSTS/COMMISSIONS WILL INFORM THESE CANDIDATES AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR STATUS. LASPAU WILL CONFIRM DIRECTLY TO THEM AND NAME TIMES AND PLACES FOR FINAL INTERVIEWS. COPIES OF THESE LASPAU COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FIELD DIRECTLY BY LASPAU.

12. AUGUST 15-SEPTEMBER 15: LASPAU REPRESENTATIVES
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AND COMMISSION MEMBERS (OR IN THE CASE OF NON-COMMISSION COUNTRIES, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES) INTERVIEW FULBRIGHT/LASPAU CANDIDATES AND PREPARE WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS TO LASPAU AND THE BFS FOR FINAL SELECTIONS. (TWO COPIES FOR THE BFS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT).

13. SEPTEMBER 24: LASPAU ARRIVES AT A LIST OF FINAL NOMINATIONS WHICH IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE POSTS/COMMISSIONS FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

14. OCTOBER 1: POST/COMMISSION CABLES FINAL APPROVAL OF FULBRIGHT/LASPAU CANDIDATES TO DEPARTMENT WHICH SUBMITS THE LIST TO THE BFS FOR FINAL SELECTION.

15. OCTOBER 15: BFS APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL RECEIVED AND

DEPARTMENT INFORMS POSTS/COMMISSION AND LASPAU.

16. OCTOBER 19: POSTS/COMMISSIONS INFORM SUCCESSFUL
FULBRIGHT/LASPAU CANDIDATES AND LASPAU CONFIRMS AND
PROVIDES LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT STAGES OF THE
PROGRAM. COPIES OF THE LASPAU CONFIRMATION AND OTHER
INFORMATION ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE POSTS/COMMISSIONS BY
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